



ITALIANS GAIN ON LOWER PIAVE FRONT AND TAKE PRISONERS

In Higher Alps There Are Endeavors of More Activity—Austrian Losses Are Estimated at Over 200,000.

Rome, June 6.—Italian troops on the southern part of the Piave front have not only completely reoccupied the Capo Sile bridgehead, but have extended it and have held the gain against Austrian counter attack. The extension was effected yesterday. During the fighting nearly 400 prisoners were taken. The war office made this announcement today. On the remainder of the front the fighting was confined to artillery duels and patrol actions. In the higher Alps there are evidences of renewed activity. Italian Alpinists, surprising the enemy on the summit of Cavello, 10,500 feet high, in the Tonale region, took 60 prisoners and captured several machine guns.

North of Monte Grappa detachments of the fourth army, after violent artillery and machine gun preparation, made thrusts and secured advantages, despite severe enemy resistance.

The Duke of Aosta's third army continued today to advance along the Piave front, in the Capo Sile region, cleaning the positions abandoned by the Austrians, picking up the abandoned war material, burying the masses of dead and reorganizing the entire defense system, which had been badly cut up during the last 10 days.

Under the fire of Italian machine guns and artillery which were brought up rapidly, the Austrian withdrawal across the Piave soon became a disorderly rout. It is estimated the Austrian losses total more than 200,000. It was a terrible sight as the maddened Austrians fled under the deluge of Italian bullets and shells. They leaped into the river and grabbed pieces of wood or anything that would aid them; they tied themselves to mules and horses, but their efforts were in vain, for as the enemy troops reached the opposite bank they were again caught by the fire of the Italian guns, which had been trained accurately on the eastern bank for some days.

On the Montello the slaughter was terrific. Bodies of Austrian troops were mowed down almost in their entirety. At the crossing at Nervessa both banks of the river were strewn with dead and dying, while hundreds of bodies were carried down in the current to the sea.

At one place the correspondent counted 300 bodies while walking a distance of half a mile. One regiment of covering troops, which originally was composed of more than 2,000 men had left Monday but 88 men to the company, and these were prisoners.

Along the Lower Piave the Austrians found themselves, if possible, in a worse position and sustained heavier losses.

A single episode shows how and why the retreat started. On Saturday the Austrian command sent the 91st Schuetzen Brigade, composed of regiments Nos. 31 and 32, with orders to widen the Austrian breach at Lampol and to do this at all hazards. The brigade attempted to carry out this order and fought like wild men, but the Italian pressure was so terrific that they were unable to accomplish their object, which was to succor the Austrian divisions already surrounded in this section.

After six attacks, which continued Saturday night and Sunday morning, there remained at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon only 90 men of the brigade. The others were either prisoners, wounded or dead. The commanding officer then committed suicide and the 90 survivors were ordered.

Every individual must look this threat squarely in the face. If he does not meet the issue fully and promptly, he is not doing all that he can to win the war.



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TO CALL 875,000 BEFORE JANUARY 1

These Men Expected to Exhaust Class 1—124,525 Summoned For General Military Service Yesterday.

Washington, June 26.—Senator Chamberlain announced late today that it is proposed to call in August 300,000 draft men, in September 150,000, in October 150,000, in November 150,000 and in December 125,000. These 875,000 men, he said, are expected to exhaust Class 1.

White and negro draft registrants numbering 124,525 were summoned to the colors for the general military service in a call issued today by Provost Marshal General Crowder. Mobilization will take place at intervals during the month of July, starting with the enrollment of 27,257 white selected men on July 5.

Today's call combined with that for 220,000 to be mobilized July 22-25 ordered by General Crowder last night and with the various special calls previously issued will remove from civilian life, during July a total of 367,961 men, the largest number summoned in any one month since the draft became operative.

The call issued today is divided into four sections for entrainment purposes. From July 5 to 9, white registrants numbering 33,259 are to be entrained; from July 15 to 19, whites 27,255; July 16 to 20, negro, 45,000; July 29 to 31, negro 25,011.

Although the order issued last night for 220,000 men probably will deplete the present availables in Class 1, in most of the draft districts, it was pointed out that the bulk of the men called for July will not go to camp until after the middle of the month and by that time it is said the additions gained by reclassification and by the new registrants of 21 will be available.

KERENSKY TO ASK THE AID OF ALLIES

Is Belief of Officials, on His Proposed Visit to the United States—Will Seek to Enlist Aid of Russians in America.

Washington, June 26.—The unheralded appearance in London today of Alexander Kerensky, former provisional premier of Russia, together with his announcement that he is on his way to America and is certain Russia soon will be fighting again with the allies against Germany, furnished the subject for a discussion in official and diplomatic circles that covered a wide range.

Speculation centered around Kerensky's purpose in coming. The belief seems to be general that he not only will seek to enlist the support of his own people in this country in his efforts to rehabilitate Russia, and cast off the German yoke, but will discuss the subject with officials as well.

Appearing as he does at a time when both the United States and the entente governments are earnestly considering how they may best aid Russia to rid herself of German influence and establish a stable government, the visit of the one-time dictator of that nation is regarded by officials as having many and far-reaching possibilities.

Coincident with the appearance of Kerensky in London, John Sookine, a member of the Russian commission sent to the United States by the Kerensky government a year ago and now just back from France, announced today that he had learned from intimate reports from Russia that the people would welcome military action by the allies to overcome German domination.

A few months ago, Mr. Sookine said, this action would have been intolerable to the people, but German aggression in spite of the Brest-Litovsk treaty had caused so much suffering and privation that allied

intervention now would be hailed with relief.

Mr. Sookine's statement and that of former Premier Kerensky concerning the change in the sentiment of the Russian masses served to bear out reports received at the State Department.

For some time powerful forces have been gathering within Russia itself to restore order and establish a government in accord with entente governments.

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ERNEST TIPTON BACK
IN HIS OLD POSITION

Little Rock, June 27.—Ernest Tipton, who was defeated by Joe Ferguson for the nomination for State treasurer, in the recent primaries, has returned to his position in the office which he resigned to make the race.

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MEN WANTED FOR
ENGINEER CORPS

Little Rock, June 27.—Commissioner of Labor Brickhouse has been requested by the federal department of labor to furnish men for induction in the engineer corps. Twenty stenographers are wanted for limited home service. For overseas duty the department wants 10 surveyors, 10 transit men, 20 bridge carpenters, and 10 civil engineers. It is said there are excellent chances for promotion.

A request is also made for a large number of experts who may be classed as engineers, in clay, lime, cement and glass industries, to act as field inspectors to check up the work being done in plants, and where possible to suggest more efficient means of manufacturing the product. These men will be asked to donate their services, not to exceed two days a week, but their actual expenses will be paid. They will work under the direction of the fuel administration.

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APPOINTED MEMBER STATE
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
Little Rock, June 27.—Simon Bloom of Pine Bluff, was yesterday reappointed by the governor as a member of the State board of accountancy.

YANKS WHIP GERMANS IN BELLEAU WOOD; TAKE 250 PRISONERS

Americans Now Possess All Tactical Positions in Sector—Some Fierce Hand to Hand Fighting Engaged in.

With the American Army in France June 26.—German prisoners captured by the Americans on storming the Belleau wood sector last night now number 250, including seven officers. One of the officers said the German commanders have been telling the soldiers that the Germans have landed an army in America, captured New York and are now marching towards Philadelphia. The Germans also are told that submarines have sunk between 40 and 50 ships in Long Island Sound.

The Americans now are in possession of virtually all the valuable tactical situations in the Belleau wood sector. Most of the prisoners taken belong to the 347th German division.

On Sunday the Germans placed the crack 201st division opposite a position of the American line. Despite this the Americans went through in steam roller fashion.

The Germans also had attempted on Saturday to fill the wood with gas but determination and heroism of the Americans could not be checked by this circumstance.

The American artillery again brilliantly carried out its part in throwing the entire German line into confusion. Prisoners said that the position from which they had been taken was like an inferno under the American fire. They were happy to get out alive.

The attack was preceded by a 13-hour bombardment from the American artillery. German prisoners taken pay tribute to the brilliant dash of the Americans, declaring the men in the assaulting party fought like demons.

The Germans were virtually cleared out of Belleau wood several days ago, but the discovery was made yesterday that under cover of darkness they had planted machine guns behind huge boulders, in sunken roadways, in shell-holes and in trees in a narrow area on the edge of the wood. It was most difficult to get at them in these positions and some fierce hand to hand fighting occurred during the night while the clearing process was being carried out.

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FORMER STATE TREASURER
CONTINUES SERIOUSLY ILL

Little Rock, June 27.—Former State Treasurer J. W. Crockett continues seriously ill, with very little improvement. He appears to be gradually growing weaker, notwithstanding all the medical skill that is being put forth to restore him to health and vigor. This week his physicians made a second transfusion of blood, a full pint of healthy blood being injected into his arteries, but without apparent success. This is the second operation of the kind.

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ANOTHER LIST OF DESERTERS MADE PUBLIC

Little Rock, June 27.—Another list of deserters from the national army has been made public by Adj. Gen. England, including the following names: Will Brown, Willie Franklin, Walter A. Geising, Ed Gibson, Wiley Harris, William L. Henley, Harrison Henderson, Wallace S. Klein, Thomas Lambert, Henry F. Nix, Reuben Salter, Willie Stewart, John F. Straun, and Frank Weaver. A reward of \$50 each will be paid for the apprehension of those men, and their delivery to Camp Pike.

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Do not cry out against the terrors of thrift as long as the men in the trenches do not cry out against their hardships. Consider yourself lucky to be able to save and to buy War Savings Stamps.